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SENATE BILL 11  
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AN ACT to designate a certain bridge spanning the Duck River on State Route 50 in Hickman County as the "Ralph Dyer and Roy Weatherspoon Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain public highways and bridges to honor and recognize those dedicated and public-spirited citizens who have distinguished themselves as invaluable servants of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, by means of its Department of Transportation, is in the process of re-routing State Route 50 in Hickman County from Centerville to Interstate 40; this project will provide area residents with better access to all areas of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, this route is blazing a new trail across scores of acres of land which have traditionally been utilized for farm and agricultural purposes and which possess a rich history relative to the development of Hickman County; and

WHEREAS, along this stretch of new highway in the 1st civil district of Hickman County, there will be a certain bridge spanning open fields; this bridge will be located between the Duck River Bridge and the Barren Hollow Exit on Interstate 40, near the Only Community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hickman County Resolution No. 9605, adopted in February of 1996 by the Hickman County Legislative Body, at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the registered voters of the 1st civil district have asked that this bridge be named the "Ralph Dyer &

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Roy Weatherspoon Bridge” in appreciation of these two gentlemen’s peerless dedication to perpetuating the public good in service of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly always endeavors to comply with the wishes of citizens and local legislative bodies on matters of local concern whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge that spans the Duck River on new State Route 50 between the Duck River Bridge and the Barren Hollow exit on Interstate 40, near the Only community in Hickman County is hereby designated as the “Ralph Dyer and Roy Weatherspoon Bridge” in recognition of these two exemplary citizens and in appreciation of their ongoing meritorious service to their community and to Hickman County as a whole.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the “Ralph Dyer and Roy Weatherspoon Bridge”.

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.